

## **Fifth Annual Advisory Council Chairs and Coordinators Meeting February 7-11, 2005**

### **San Francisco**

#### **Your Arrival in San Francisco**

Fly into San Francisco International Airport (SFO). When you make your return reservation, assume that the earliest you will be able to arrive at SFO on Friday is 2 pm.

**There is no need for you to rent a car.** Once you get to the hotel, your transportation for the duration of the meeting will be provided by van or bus. A variety of shuttles from the airport are available, no reservations accepted. A taxi ride will be approximately 30 minutes and cost approximately \$40.00.

#### **Accommodations in San Francisco**

Accommodations are at the Argonaut. Their web site is: [arognauthotel.com](http://arognauthotel.com)  
Their address is 495 Jefferson Street (at Hyde), San Francisco. Their phone number is (415) 563-0800. Their toll free reservation number is 866-415-0704.

They have agreed to provide rooms at the government per diem rate of \$126 per night. **Please tell them you are with the NMSP when you make your reservation. You must make your reservation by January 14, 2005 to get the government rate and be assured of a room. There are no exceptions!** If you need to cancel your reservation, you must call them no later than 72 hours prior to your arrival and please make sure you get a cancellation number. Check in at the Argonaut is after 3 pm.

#### **Special Notes for San Francisco**

The Argonaut has two computers available just off the lobby so you can check your email, but that is it! They do not have a business center or copying facilities, etc. Please bring adequate copies of any materials you wish to hand out. Please put any electronic presentations on CD and send to June Cradick, 808 Cordgrass Road, Hampstead, NC 28443, 910-270-5316 **by January 28**. Bring a back-up CD of the presentation with you to the meeting in the event of technical difficulties.

If you have bulk materials you would like to send ahead, please Fed Ex (Fed Ex only ensures timely arrival) them to MJ Schramm at: Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Building # 991, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, 415-561-6622 x205 (do NOT use Fort Mason address). Packages must be received here no later than 3 pm Monday, February 7, and the coordinators will be responsible for bringing them to the Argonaut after the Coordinators Only session that afternoon

(we will offer van transport). Materials shipped for later delivery must be sent directly to the hotel, which charges \$5 for receipt of a standard size box and \$2 receipt of an envelope (payable by your site).

Note that cell phone coverage in San Francisco tends to be spotty.

Once we travel to Olema on Wednesday, please note that it is a very rural area and you will not be able to purchase supplies, make photocopies, etc. so come prepared and/or make arrangements to finalize anything in San Francisco.

### **Meeting Details - Monday, February 7**

Council Coordinators who are participating in the Alternates Working Group will meet at 7:30 am in the restaurant at the Argonaut on Monday morning.

All coordinators should meet in the lobby at 9:30 on Monday morning to board vans for the Coordinators Only Session at the Gulf of the Farallones NMS Office. This is an all-day meeting with lunch provided; the meeting will adjourn when discussions wrap up.

There are two options for dinner on Monday evening: (1) You can opt to explore and/or have dinner on your own; or (2) We will make reservations at a local restaurant (to be determined) and meet in the lobby at 6:00 to lead a group to the restaurant. All coordinators, chairs, observers, spouses, and friends are welcome to join. We will take a show of hands of the coordinators at the meeting on Monday. Chairs should let their Coordinators know if they are interested in attending, to facilitate planning. Otherwise and for others, please leave a message for June Cradick at the Argonaut by noon on Monday if you are interested in attending.

### **Meeting Details - Tuesday, February 8**

On Tuesday, all activities will be at the Argonaut. At 8:00 a.m. a continental breakfast will be served in the foyer outside the Golden Gate Conference Room C. We will meet in that room all day. Lunch will be provided. Business casual is the dress - opt for something comfortable since you will be sitting most of the day.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) and the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association (FMSA) are co-hosting a reception in your honor on Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 pm. The reception will be held at the Argonaut in a room to be determined. This will be your one time to dress up during the week if you so desire. The NMSF and FMSA Board members will be in attendance and the Gulf of the Farallones, Cordell Bank and Monterey Bay Council members have been invited

as well as the staffs and their spouses. Wine, beer, and sodas will be available as well as "heavy" hors d'oeuvres.

### **Meeting Details - Wednesday, February 9 (a.m. only)**

You will need to be ready to get on the bus for Olema by 7:00 am. That means an early check out. The Argonaut offers video check-out from your room via the television. This might help cut down on the rush at the front desk. Grab an early breakfast (hotel café Blue Mermaid opens at 6:00 a.m.) and meet at the front door with your luggage. We will have color-coded luggage tags to ensure your luggage gets to the correct hotel in Olema, but please make sure your bags already have your name and address on them. You will board the bus as soon as your luggage is tagged.

### **Field Trip**

The bus holds 47 and is very comfortable, with lots of room for luggage and it has a bathroom. We will have boxed lunches for everyone and depending upon the time and weather, we will either eat at the Marin Headlands or on the bus. We will have water bottles available all morning.

It will be a long day, but an enjoyable one. Be prepared for windy and rainy conditions at both field trip locations, as well as sun. Please bring good hiking or walking shoes, sun block, rain clothing, and dress in layers. A backpack to hold the various layers may be advisable, as well as perhaps extra snacks or drinks if you feel you may need them.

There will be a two-part field trip while en-route from San Francisco to Olema, on the morning of February 9<sup>th</sup>. We first will make a stop at the Crissy Marsh restoration site in the Presidio National Park of San Francisco. This is a great example of historic ecological restoration within an urban setting, and adjacent to the Gulf of the Farallones NMS offices. We will have a walking tour of the marsh along a broad path, and over even terrain. This will run approximately one hour. We then will continue on across the Golden Gate Bridge to the Marin Headlands for a tour of the Point Bonita Lighthouse. This is a historic light station north of San Francisco with amazing views of SF, the Golden Gate, and the Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay national marine sanctuaries. If it is very windy or rainy we will not be able to cross the footbridge to the lighthouse, but will have a walk to a nearby lookout point with the ranger. There is also a great NPS visitor center at the Marin Headlands where we will stop.

**Optional Items:**

- camera and film
- binoculars
- field guides
- notepad and pencil
- extra drinks or snacks

## Olema/West Marin

Wednesday through Friday the Chairs/Coordinators meeting will take place in Olema, Marin County at Point Reyes National Seashore Headquarters, adjacent to the Cordell Bank NMS offices. West Marin is a rural area of Marin County, on the coast north of San Francisco. West Marin is surrounded by National, CA State, and county parklands, as well as extensive agricultural areas. This creates an open space island within Marin County, and separates West Marin from the urban landscape of the greater Bay Area. There are lots of hiking trails, as well as beaches and kayaking spots. Feel free to ask Rowena Forest, Cordell Bank Council Coordinator any questions about the area at the meeting. The weather in West Marin in February can range from VERY rainy to summer-like. Usually it's somewhere in between, but definitely be prepared for cold and the rainiest month of the year. When it's not raining in the late Winter-Spring it can be extremely windy with prevailing chilly northwest winds off the ocean. There are three small towns close by to our meeting location: Olema, Point Reyes Station, and Inverness. There are several restaurants, a couple of delis, a bank with atm, a pharmacy, post offices, gas station, grocery store and some gift-type shops in this part of West Marin. The meeting site is one mile from Olema, two miles from Point Reyes Station, and about six miles from Inverness.

### **Transportation**

There is no public transportation in West Marin, or taxis. There will be four to five vans driven by the meeting organizers, and we will provide a set shuttling schedule from your hotels to the meeting site, and to town for Wednesday 2/9 through Friday 2/11. We will be transported from San Francisco to Olema (and our field trip) aboard the Marin Charter and Tours Service. They will also pick us up at the end of the meeting on Friday, February 11 for transportation to the San Rafael Transit Center (for car rentals), San Francisco Airport, a designated airport hotel, and the final stop in SF for those staying on. If you plan on staying longer to vacation in West Marin, you will need to rent a car either at the San Francisco Airport or in San Rafael. There are no car rental services or airport shuttles in West Marin.

### **Luggage**

All luggage should be clearly marked with your names and address. The bus will drop all meeting participants off at the Olema meeting site on Wednesday after our field trip, before delivering luggage to the hotels. There will be no time for hotel check-in until after the meeting time that evening. The bus driver and one NMSP staff member from headquarters will deliver all luggage to the two hotels reserved for our participants. Each hotel will store the luggage until check-in. Headquarters

will provide color luggage tags for each of the two hotels, but we will obviously need your luggage tagged with your names as well for this delivery process. On Friday, luggage will again be picked up at the hotels by the bus driver and a NMSP staff member, and brought along to the meeting site where all participants continuing on to San Francisco and the airport will be picked up.

### **Accommodations in West Marin**

The two hotels we have reserved for the Cordell Bank portion of the meeting are the Golden Hinde Inn in Inverness (415-669-1389), and the Point Reyes Seashore Lodge in Olema (415 663-9000, [www.pointreyesseashore.com](http://www.pointreyesseashore.com)). The Golden Hinde is just north of Inverness, about seven miles from the meeting location and sits on Tomales Bay. It is adjacent to a kayak rental beach, as well as small walking beaches. The atmosphere at the Golden Hinde Inn is quiet and that of a family-run motel style establishment. The Point Reyes Seashore Lodge is located in Olema about one mile from the meeting site. This is an elegant lodge with a range of room styles, all very comfortable, and beautiful grounds adjoining the Olema Creek. Please note at the Lodge that hairdryers, televisions, wake-up calls (alarm provided in room) are not provided; irons and ironing boards are available upon request.

Each meeting participant is financially responsible for their own room reservations. Chairs will be reimbursed after the meeting through the normal travel voucher process. **Each hotel in West Marin is reserving a block of rooms until 30 days before the meeting date. All participants will need to phone individually to book their room NO LATER than January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005.** At this date the remaining rooms not booked will be released to the public. **Please tell the reservationist that you are with the National Marine Sanctuary meeting,** so they put you in the correct rooms. There are 22 rooms held at the Point Reyes Seashore Lodge, and 19 at the Golden Hinde Inn. These will be offered at the per diem rate until the above date. The Golden Hinde does not accept American Express credit cards, but will accept Visa or Mastercard.

### **Meeting Room and Cordell Bank NMS Office**

The meeting will be held at the historic Red Barn Classroom at Point Reyes National Seashore Headquarters, which also houses NPS offices and the Cordell Bank NMS offices. The Cordell Bank office is small with high ceilings and staff work spaces are cubicles. The staff looks forward to meeting everyone, but we must to be cognizant of their need to continue their work while we are there. They do not have any spare work stations we can use and do not have a copy machine, so please have all materials, presentations, personal correspondence, etc taken care of before coming to the meeting in Olema.

If there are last minute problems or printing needs, there is a small copier service in Point Reyes Station called Point Reyes Printers, open from 9 am- 4 pm weekdays.

Please be advised that there are no office services at either hotel, and there is no to little cell phone reception in all of West Marin. AT&T seems to be the only cell service that has intermittent reception.

**Travel Orders and Expenses:** Travel for each chair will be covered by HQ, but the invitational travel order must be prepared by the site. Please use accounting code 10-04-0006-01-00-00-00 C8K5BPP-PSA and provide a copy of the Chair's travel order to June Cradick so we can track how much we are spending on this special account number. Please note that per diem on travel vouchers will need to be adjusted when meals are provided. Travel for each coordinator is covered by the site.

Please note that HQ will cover the Chairs' airfare and hotels, meals and transportation costs for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. For those Chairs coming from east coast or Pacific sites, HQ will cover Friday night as well.

### **As You Depart West Marin**

When you check out of the hotels Friday morning ask the hotel to store your luggage until the bus picks it up. We will provide tags to you on Thursday evening coded for the airlines and hotel drops. Take the van shuttle to the last session of the meeting. Once the meeting adjourns the bus will pick participants up directly from The Red Barn; luggage will already have been picked up at the hotels by a NMSP staff person and the bus driver. Box lunches and drinks will be provided on the bus on the way back to San Francisco.

**First stop - San Rafael Transit Center:** The bus will drop off at the San Rafael Transit Center where you can catch a taxi to a car rental agency; the nearest agency is several blocks away, Enterprise Rent a Car.

**Second stop - San Francisco International Airport:** The bus will drop off at all airline ticketing counters, unloading luggage at each stop.

**Third stop - Airport Hotel:** The bus will make a drop at the following airport hotel; there is not a block of rooms reserved at the airport hotel so you must call

well in advance to make reservations. If you are staying at another airport hotel it is your responsibility to make your way there:

La Quinta Airport Hotel, 20 Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080-6515, phone 1-866-725-1661. Offers government rates and has airport shuttle.

**Fourth and final stop - The Argonaut:** The bus will make a drop at the Argonaut; there is not a block of rooms reserved at the hotel for this time period so you must call well in advance to make reservations. If you are staying elsewhere it is then your financial responsibility to make your way there.



## **SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANTS & ATTRACTIONS**

Arm yourself with a street map and explore some great neighborhoods in your off-hours.

The Argonaut is at Fisherman's Wharf, a great staging place for exploring the City by the Bay. A note of caution, though: carry your street-smarts at all times. San Francisco, like any city, has its share of street crime such as pickpockets. Be aware, and use common sense, especially during transactions and at ATMs.

From the hotel, easily catch public transit (including the Powell-Hyde Cable Car, historic Line F Coach, or #30 bus) to great neighborhoods like North Beach and Chinatown, Russian Hill, Nob Hill and Union Square. Contact the SF Municipal Railway (415/ 673-MUNI) or the Concierge desk can assist with details.

### **FISHERMAN'S WHARF**

Options range from sidewalk food stands to traditional Italian/seafood restaurants and a few popular newcomers. Picnic on a loaf of sourdough bread from Boudin's and fresh Dungeness crab or calamari salad from a sidewalk vendor. Go through the double doors between Alioto's and Fisherman's Grotto on Taylor Street, look for the sign "Passage Way to the boats," and find a bench. See the concierge for additional recommendations. Check out several restaurants (and the chocolate shop) at nearby Ghirardelli Square.

Early breakfast: Joanie's offers great breakfasts, and opens at 6 a.m. Use rear hotel exit, go to Beach Street at Columbus Avenue.

Scoma's at Pier 47: Award Winning World Famous Seafood Restaurant. Especially worthy of patronage because, of all the restaurants on the Wharf, Scoma's is most sincerely trying to offer more Sustainable Seafood choices.

Boudin's Sourdough: Visit the original Boudin (pronounced "bo-deen") shop on Jefferson for famous San Francisco sourdough bread to go, or stop by their booth across Taylor from Fisherman's Grotto for clam chowder in a sourdough bowl.

A. Sabella's: 2766 Taylor at Jefferson. Fresh seafood and Dungeness crab. Wine Enthusiast says they have one of San Francisco's best wine lists.

Castangola's: 286 Jefferson Street. One of the oldest restaurants on Fisherman's Wharf, with a view of the Fisherman's Wharf area and the city skyline.

Lou's Pier 47: 300 Jefferson. A casual Cajun and seafood restaurant featuring nightly blues performances in the upstairs club.

Ana Mandara, 891 Beach at Polk, 415-771-6800

Fusion Vietnamese in an elegant setting, great views. Rated highly for best Vietnamese cuisine, cocktails and best of 2002: Four Best Bars With a View

### **NORTH BEACH (walkable, or via #30 bus)**

Helmand Afghan: 430 Broadway, North Beach. Middle eastern cuisine, reflecting Indian and near east influences. Exotic décor, great lamb dishes.

Tomasso's Pizzeria, 1042 Kearny at Broadway. Since 1935, Tommaso's has made the best pizza in North Beach. Oak burning brick oven, family service, and full selection of seafood, poultry and meat dishes.

Tosca Café: 242 Columbus at Broadway: one of SF's oldest bars with Italian operettas on the juke box. Clientele such as artsy and filmsy types (Coppola's office is nearby), aging hippies and business types sip martinis and people-watch.

While you're in the neighborhood, browse City Lights Bookstore (Columbus and Broadway), co-founded by beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, this landmark bookstore specializes in world literature, the arts, and progressive politics.

Washington Square Bar & Grill, 1707 Powell (at Union) 415-982-8123. Another "establishment," it offers California cuisine, comfy booths, eclectic clientele, moderate price.

### **RUSSIAN HILL (all are on or near Hyde Street Cable Car line):**

Zarzuela Restaurant, 2000 Hyde at Union, 346-0800, (open Tuesday-Saturday from 5:30 PM-10:30PM, to 11:00 on Friday and Saturday) - features tapas, paella, zarzuela (similar to cioppino), other traditional Spanish dishes. (personal favorite, great for a romantic tete-a-tete).

Sushi Groove, 1916 Hyde, 440-1905, (open 5:30-10PM, to 10:30 Friday, Saturday) Very popular sushi. A la carte orders, a variety of prepared salads and combination plates are offered.

Frascati, 1901 Hyde, 928-1406 (open Tuesday-Sunday, 5:30PM-10:30PM ) - California cuisine by way of India, the Mediterranean and Southeast Asia.

## **CHINATOWN (#30 bus)**

Brandy Ho's Hunan Cuisine, 217 Columbus Ave. at Pacific, 415/ 788-7527.  
Consistently good, regular clientele, affordable. Dol Ho, 808 Pacific (at Stockton),  
415-392-2828, Chinese, Dim Sum, inexpensive, SFW Best Of 2004 Dim Sum

## **POINT REYES/WEST MARIN RESTAURANTS AND ATTRACTIONS**

### **Olema:**

Olema Inn - fine dining in historic Inn, across the street from the Point Reyes  
Seashore Lodge

Olema Farmhouse - country atmosphere, restaurant and bar next door to Point  
Reyes Seashore Lodge

### **Inverness:**

Priscilla's - great pizza, organic salads, pasta - small and cozy with semi view of  
Tomales Bay, downtown Inverness

Manka's Lodge - upscale fine dining in historic hunting lodge in the woods of  
Inverness. Set menu with several courses - reservations required

Vladimir's - Czech dining in downtown Inverness

Barnaby's - Seafood and American cuisine at the Golden Hinde Inn. Winter hours  
limited and to be determined

### **Point Reyes Station:**

Station House Café and bar - American cuisine, casual atmosphere. Closed  
Wednesdays

Taqueria La Quinta - Mexican take-out or eat in - great selection. Closed Tuesdays

Café Reyes - California and Mexican dining - casual, tv's for sports, local favorite

Tomales Bay Foods - Gourmet take-out - hot foods, organic produce, creamery/local  
cheeses. Open 10-6, closed Monday and Tuesday

Whale of a Deli - standard deli, ice cream, small grocery selection, dvd and video  
rental - Mexican sports on the t.v.

The Western Saloon - Just like it sounds. Pool tables and sometimes music

